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1. I'M PLEASED THAT BOTH THE IDEA AND THE PROPOSED TIMING OF OUR INFORMAL MEETING NEXT WEEK HAVE BEEN WELCOMED BY YOU AND BY THE DEPARTMENT. BILL ROGERS, HEW RYAN, HERMAN KLEIN AND MARVIN WEISSMAN ARE PLANNING TO COME DOWN TOGETHER ON PA 541, ARRIVING AT 4:35 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14. 8 HOPE TO HAVE THE PLEASURE OF THE COMPANY OF ALL OF YOU FOR A COCKTAIL-BUFFET AT MY RESIDENCE AT 8 P.M. WEDNESDAY. WE WILL START OUR MEETINGS AT THE CHANCERY AT 9 A.M. THURSDAY.

2. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT WHILE WE WANT TO KEEP OUR MEETING INFORMAL AND AS UNSTRUCTURED AS WE CAN, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE HAD A DISCUSSION LEADER FOR EACH ITEM ON OUR AGENDA. BILL HAS AGREED TO LEAD OFF WITH A DISCUSSION OF OUR OVERALL POLICY AND STRATEGY IN OUR RELATIONS WITH CENTRAL AMERICA. DURING THE REMAINDER OF THURSDAY MORNING HERMAN KLEINE WILL CHAIR OUR CONSIDERATION OF AID STRATEGY AND, AS WAS SUGGESTED BY AMBASSADOR

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TODMAN, THE PROSPECTS FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN INTEGRATION.

3. THURSDAY AT 12:30 I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE RESIDENCE FOR A WORKING LUNCH.

4. ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON WE MIGHT BEGIN WITH POLICY AND PROBLEMS OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND TRADE EXPANSION IN CENTRAL AMERICA, AND IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT JIM THEBERGE LEAD THAT DISCUSSION. I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO FOLLOW WITH SOME BRIEF THOUGHTS ON THE FUTURE OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE. FROM THERE WE CAN TURN TO THE TWO BORDER DISPUTES, WITH JIM CAMPBELL AND PHIL SANCHEZ LOGICALLY LEADING THE FIRST DISCUSSION AND JAY GAWF AND ME THE SECOND. WE COULD CONCLUDE WITH A DISCUSSION OF NARCOTICS INTERDICTION IN CENTRAL AMERICA, WHICH I HOPE TERRY TODMAN MIGHT LEAD.

5. ON FRIDAY MORNING OUR DISCUSSIONS COULD COVER OUR INFORMATION AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, CHAIRED BY PHIL SANCHEZ; THE LABOR SITUATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA, AGAIN WITH TERRY IN THE CHAIR; AND FINALLY, THE REORGANIZATION OF ARA LED BY HEW RYAN.

6. FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA HAS INVITED ALL OF US TO A STAG LUNCHEON IN ANTIGUA AT ONE PM ON FRIDAY. FRIDAY AFTERNOON WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO RESERVE FOR MEETINGS BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND INDIVIDUAL AMBASSADORS. THE EVENING IS FREE.

7. IF THERE ARE ANY OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT LET US KNOW YOUR TIME AND MEANS OF ARRIVAL AND PLANS FOR THE WEEK-END, I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU.
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